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In re Application of  
Cheng, et al.  
Application No. 09/343,293  
Filed: June 30, 1999  
Attorney Docket No. 42390.P7068

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed on July 30, 2001,  
pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified  
application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application was abandoned for failure to  
timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed July  
10, 2000. This Office action set a shortened statutory period  
for reply of three (3) months from the mailing date of the  
action. No extensions of time having been obtained and no reply  
having been received, the above-identified application became  
abandoned on October 11, 2000. A Notice of Abandonment was  
mailed on January 18, 2001.

With the instant petition, the petitioner filed a request for a  
continued prosecution application (CPA) of the above-identified  
application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), and met all other requirements  
for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The above-identified application is being revived solely for  
purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by  
this decision reviving the application, the application is again  
abandoned in favor of the CPA, filed July 30, 2001.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2800  
for processing of the CPA (and accompanying preliminary  
amendment).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed  
to the undersigned at (703) 305-0309.

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